IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	E '
YUKI KATAYAMA, ET AL.	Examiner: Amanda P. Wood
Application No.: 10/531,315	Group Art Unit: 1657
Filed: April 13, 2005	Confirmation No. 6439
For: METHOD FOR QUANTITATIVELY DETERMINING CHOLESTEROL IN HIGH DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN AND REAGENTS THEREFOR	February 4, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

as follows:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application